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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Committee Room #2

**PRESENT:** Alds. Donegan, Ewerdt, Jay (7:07 p.m.), Krol, Maher, Organ, Purins, Walsh – 8

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Archambo, City Admin.; A. Kesner, City Attorney; R. Braier, Finance Dir.; W. Kappel, Pub. Works Dir.; W. Wehrley, City Engineer; K. Walbrant, Parks & Forestry Supt.; J. Wojcehowicz, Water Supt.; K. Rusch, Admin. Intern

Ald. Maher as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **Final Payment on Contract 08-19 Concrete Sidewalk Repair**

Mr. Archambo explained that the reason this final payment is being submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee is that the final cost for Contract 08-19 deviates from the final budgeted amount by 15% or greater bringing the total contract cost to \$388,133.28. Funding for the final payment of \$29,470 will come from the Capital Projects fund balance. He added that approximately two-thirds of the increase is due to the additional handicapped ramp work around city hall.

Moved by Ald. Organ, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend approval of the final payment to Snorek Construction, Inc. for Contract 08-19, Concrete Sidewalk Repair in the amount of \$29,470 with funding from the Capital Projects fund balance – 7

### **Award of Design for Hart Park Athletic Field improvements**

Mr. Archambo reported that Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the design of Hart Park Athletic Field Improvements were sent to eleven firms. They received back 4 proposals. Built into the RFP was a fair amount of latitude with regard to the construction administration portion of the project.

Mr. Wehrley referred to the experience matrix that he added as an attachment. He noted that the firm with the highest amount of experience, R.A. Smith National/Rettler Corp. was also the most costly. The least costly, Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer (GAS) was the second most experienced. He recommended that the design work be awarded to GAS because they had close to the same level of experience as the highest bidder, they have already been working with the city on various aspects of the Hart Park project and their bid was approximately \$200,000 below the highest bidder.

Ald. Maher was concerned about the process of choosing a firm for the design. He also felt there was a lack of information. Mr. Wehrley explained that they were basing their recommendation on the knowledge of what each firm has done and their experience as well as the cost consideration.

Ald. Organ asked about the RFP review process. Mr. Wehrley responded that the RFPs were reviewed by him and Mr. Kappel.

Mr. Walbrant reported that he has spoken with as many of the new turf owners as possible. He mentioned specifically Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin Lutheran and the City of Brookfield. He noted that Wisconsin Lutheran was very satisfied with the quality of their running track. The City of Brookfield used a different product and was disappointed with its performance. Wisconsin Lutheran is working with GAS and their product.

Mr. Archambo stressed that the two firms are well qualified in the field with no significant difference between them. The question was asked if there could be a cost savings with the high bidder depending on how they handled the project. Mr. Wehrley answered that he did not think that would be a factor. He added that choosing the lower bidder would be a fine option.

Mr. Archambo recommended awarding both the design and the construction administration elements to GAS.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Donegan to recommend approval of the award of bid to Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer & Associates at \$152,450 for the design phase and \$38,320 not to exceed 15% of the budgeted amount for construction administration --

Ald. Ewerdt felt the key component was references from other facilities that have used these firms. He asked if staff has worked with both of the firms. Mr. Wehrley commented that he has worked with both firms and both have exhibited good qualifications.

Ald. Jay requested to see any design presentations the two companies have submitted. Mr. Wehrley provided those.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7, Noes: 1 (Maher)

#### **Final Payment for an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD)**

Mr. Archambo explained that this project goes back to the floods of 1997 and 1998 when the city signed a contract with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for work on the flood plain area in the amount of \$276,000. They have been informed by MMSD that the project has increased in cost to approximately \$600,000. The city's Water Superintendent told MMSD that the city could not pay that amount of money. MMSD cut back on the project and brought the price down substantially. They now say the work has a value of approximately \$300,000. They have told the city that the original amount will be charged. The city had budgeted \$258,000 with the additional \$18,000 owned drawn from the Water Utility Surplus.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend approval of the final payment of \$276,00 for an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with MMSD with the addition of \$18,000 in funds from the Water Utility Surplus – 8

#### **Claim of Pat and Rachel English, 1825 N. 74<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. Kesner reported that a water main had broken in the area and water and sewage backed up into a number of houses. He noted that the city was not liable because this was an accident that the city had no control over.

Mr. Wojcehowicz added that the water main was originally installed in 1910. The Water Utility had checked it in the spring and, at that time, there was no evidence of leaking. Sometime after that it collapsed.

Ald. Donegan observed that age was a factor in the water main collapse. Mr. Archambo agreed saying that the factors were age and the materials used. Ald. Donegan continued that this was a tragic event. He acknowledged that the law says that the city is not liable because the main was being routinely monitored and the city was not aware there was a problem. He expressed concern about the city's failure to invest in infrastructure over the years and he was afraid this scenario would happen again.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend denial of the claim – 8

**Vouchers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Reason and location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
M. Anton, S. Erke, J. Case	Fire	Incident Command Training - Pewaukee	12/17/08	47.77
Russell Richardson	Police	Firearms Instructor Course - Oak Creek	12/01/ - 12/05/08	34.90
Bill Wehrley	Engineering	2008 Solar Decade Conference - Milwaukee	10/23-10/24/08	136.67
Gary Gabrish	Police	Firearms Instructor Course - Oak Creek	12/01/ - 12/05/08	39.62

Moved by Ald. Purins, seconded by Ald. Jay that the vouchers be allowed and paid – 8

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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